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The Kite Runner is about a young boy named Amir who is wealthy and a Hassan a poor boy who's dad works for Amir's dad. These two boys love kite fighting in their home city Kabul. Throughout the story Amir is struggling with is relationship with his dad Baba. He finds a close father figure to his dads buddy Rahim. Rahim and Amir hit it off well because they get each other and Rahim supports Amir's writing. Soon the duo of Amir and Hassan get into trouble when an evil boy named Assef makes fun of Hassan since he is a Hazara. He one day tries to attack Amir with brass knuckles which is stopped by Hassan and his slingshot. This stops Assef but he threatens to get revenge. Hassan is Amir's kite runner and after winning a tournament Baba praises Amir and Hassan goes to get the last kite he won. Sadly Assef finds Hassan and physically and sexually abuses Hassan. Amir witnesses this action but didn't interfere and feels terrible about it . Baba's love of Hassan makes Amir jealous and doesn't tell for fear of losing Baba. Soon Amir's birthday comes and he isn't happy the only gift he likes is a notebook from Rahim. Amir tries to get rid of Hassan by planting money on Hassan's mattress and he is caught. Baba hates stealing but he forgives Hassan. Hassan and his dad leave though and his dad knows about the rape. When they leave Amir feels a little better but the shadow of the actions still looms over him. This story shows many human characteristics but I think the main one is greed in this section. A good example of this is Amir's want to have a closer relationship with his dad then Hassan has. He tries to frame his friend so that Baba will love him more. Another example is Assef he is a insane person but he was greedy and didn't want Hassan and the people like him to be around and thought they should get out of his land.